

Table 5.31.2005

Length of sentences to imprisonment imposed in U.S. District Courts for U.S. Sentencing Commission guideline cases

By primary offense, fiscal year 2005

Primary offense	Total cases	Sentences to imprisonment	
		Average length (in months)	Median length (in months)
Total	45,638	59.0	36.0
Murder	61	220.4	168.0
Manslaughter	42	45.9	36.0
Kidnaping, hostage-taking	23	213.9	188.0
Sexual abuse	221	96.3	60.0
Assault	364	45.4	36.5
Robbery	994	95.5	74.5
Arson	40	75.2	60.0
Drug offenses			
Trafficking	17,661	84.4	60.0
Communication facility	252	41.3	41.0
Simple possession	171	22.1	6.0
Firearms	5,821	81.3	48.0
Burglary, breaking and entering	24	19.1	19.5
Auto theft	44	61.6	26.0
Larceny	604	20.2	13.0
Fraud	3,404	23.7	15.0
Embezzlement	192	13.1	10.0
Forgery, counterfeiting	526	19.8	15.0
Bribery	89	21.2	15.0
Tax	265	19.8	12.0
Money laundering	557	46.0	30.0
Racketeering, extortion	461	85.8	57.0
Gambling, lottery	22	11.1	12.0
Civil rights	30	80.1	21.5
Immigration	11,863	23.7	18.0
Pornography, prostitution	849	82.4	60.0
Prison offenses	252	18.3	14.5
Administration of justice offenses	470	24.4	15.0
Environmental, wildlife	30	11.8	6.0
National defense	15	126.7	27.0
Antitrust	8	11.1	10.0
Food and drug	12	19.8	16.0
Other	271	25.3	14.0

Note: See Note, [table 5.26.2005](#). These data include prison sentences only and exclude any imposition of home detention, community confinement, or intermittent confinement (Source, pp. 140, 141). Of the 53,674 guideline cases, 6,776 cases with 0 months of prison ordered were excluded. In addition, 1,260 cases were excluded due to one or more of the following conditions: missing primary offense category, 22; missing criminal history category, 1,024; and missing or indeterminable sentencing information, 435.

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, *2005 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics* (Washington, DC: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2006), p. 256.